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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR WAIVER FILED IN THE RURAL CALL COMPLETION PROCEEDING

WC Docket No. 13-39

Comment Date: September 26, 2016 Reply Comment Date: October 5, 2016

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC on behalf of itself and its operating affiliates (Comcast), on September 9, 2016, seeking a limited waiver of the recordkeeping, retention, and reporting requirements adopted in the *Rural Call Completion Order*. Specifically, for the period up to and including June 30, 2016, Comcast requests a "partial *nunc pro tunc* waiver of its obligation to report, record, and retain the call completion information" for certain rural and non-rural enterprise customers. For the reasons set forth in its petition, Comcast claims that good cause exists for grant of a waiver, which it also claims would be consistent with the public interest.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ Petition for Limited Waiver of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, WC Docket No. 13-39 (filed Sept. 9, 2016) (Comcast Petition), https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10909481310618/Rural%20Call%20Completion%20Waiver%20Petition%20-%20Redacted%20Version%20-%20090916.pdf. Comcast seeks confidential treatment for certain information contained in the Comcast Petition. *See* Letter from Emily J.H. Daniels, Counsel to Comcast Cable Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 13-39 (filed Sept. 9, 2016).

² See generally Rural Call Completion, WC Docket No. 13-39, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 16154 (2013); see also 47 CFR §§ 64.2103-64.2105.

³ See Comcast Petition at 1. The data in question was omitted entirely on five Form 480 filings (April 2015, November 2015, February 2016, and April 2016) and partially on the latest filing of August 2016. The petition notes that for the August 2016 report, Comcast was able to recover some of the data. See id. at 3. The Rural Call Completion Order's recordkeeping, retention, and reporting requirements have been in effect since April 1, 2015. See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces That Certain Long Distance Providers Must Being Recording the Data Required For Rural Call Completion Reporting, 30 FCC Rcd 2058 (WCB 2015).

⁴ Comcast Petition at 1.

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